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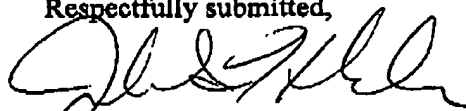
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Sir:

By Office Action dated April 21, 2005, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. The Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-10 (Invention I) are drawn to a heat sealable tape comprising a PTFE copolymer, classified in Class 526, subclass 242. Claims 11-21 (Invention II) are said to be drawn to a seam formed from two sheet materials comprising the PTFE copolymer on each sheet surface, classified in Class 524, subclass 262. Claims 22-30 (Invention III) are said to be drawn to a process for sealing a seam between two sheet materials comprising the PTFE copolymer on each sheet surface, classified in Class 264, subclass 328.1+.

Applicants hereby elect for examination with traverse Invention III, claims 22-30.

Respectfully submitted,

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